Western States and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether to clear the held-up stocks from the Western States, the FCI is planning to move the same by ships to South entailing extra expenses and involving more time?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) No, Sir. There are adequate stocks in the Southern States to meet the demand of Public Distribution System requirement.

(b) No. Sir. The requirements of the Southern States are met mostly by direct despatches from the North.

(c) The proposal is under examination.

Requirement of Sugar

816. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the production and consumption of sugar in Gujarat during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) the total quantity of sugarcane given to sugar mills and percentage of recovery thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) The production of sugar during the last three sugar years in the State of Gujarat was as under:—

Sugar Year (October to September)	Production (lakh tonnes)
1991-92	7.53
1992-93	7.51
1993-94	8.26

The normal monthly allocation of levy sugar to the State of Gujarat for distribution through the Public Distribution System is 16194 tonnes. In addition, 4878 tonnes per annum is allotted to Gujarat as festival quota of levy sugar.

Since there is no restriction on inter-State movement of freesale sugar, it is not possible to furnish the consumption of freesale sugar, State-wise.

(b) The quantity of sugarcane crushed and recovery of sugar percent cane in the State of Gujarat during the last three years were as under:—

Sugar Year (October to September)	Cane crushed (lakh tonnes)	Recovery of sugar % cane
1991-92	67.63	11.14
1992-93	66.25	11.34
1993-94	74.42	11.09

चीनी के उत्पादन का लक्ष्य

817. **श्री दिग्विजय सिंह:**
श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय:

क्या खाद्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) गत वर्ष अर्थात् 1993-94 के मौसम के दौरान चीनी के उत्पादन का क्या लक्ष्य रखा गया था और उक्त लक्ष्य के मुकाबले कितना चीनी उत्पादन हुआ;

(ख) वर्तमान मौसम अर्थात् वर्ष 1994-95 के दौरान कितना चीनी उत्पादन का अनुमान है; और

(ग) क्या सरकार वर्तमान मौसम के दौरान, चीनी के रिकार्ड उत्पादन की अवस्था में चीनी की वर्तमान कीमत में कमी करने पर विचार करेगी?

खाद्य मंत्री (श्री अजित सिंह): (क) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के लिए चीनी उद्योग हेतु विकास कार्यक्रम तैयार करने के लिए गठित समिति ने 1993-94 चीनी मौसम के लिए 127.76 लाख टन चीनी उत्पादन का लक्ष्य रखा। इस लक्ष्य की तुलना में 1993-94 चीनी मौसम के दौरान 98.24 लाख टन चीनी का उत्पादन हुआ।